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## Prospective Plantings for New Jersey

TRENTON, NJ --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2015 planting intentions, according to Bruce Eklund, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Jersey Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 84,000 farm operators across the United States.

New Jersey's 2015 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 105 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 30 thousand acres, down 9 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 110 thousand acres, up 4 percent from last year.
- **Sweet Potatoes** area planted is estimated at 1.3 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year.

The complete Prospective Plantings report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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